from 0.416 in 1975 to 0.443 in 1980, 0.519 in 1990, 0.553 in 1995 and 0.590 in 2001.

Long Term Action Plan for KBK districts in Orissa

2042. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Long Term Action Plan of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts in Orissa has not yet been approved by the Planning Commission and the so called assistance given is only on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 40 per cent Central/State Government officers of various departments are not in a position in KBK districts in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 to 2006-07) for the KBK districts has been accepted in principle. From 2002-03, a Special Plan for KBK districts has been included under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana on 100 per cent grant basis. The Annual Plans submitted by the State Government under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana are being approved by the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Special Plan for the KBK districts is implemented by the State Government which has indicated 22.56% of the sanctioned strength of the State Government posts in KBK districts as lying vacant.

(d) The policy of the State Government, to keep some posts vacant, pursuant to administrative and fiscal reform measures adopted by them, is one of the important reasons.